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HAND PROCESSING UNITS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing training facilities to handloom and powerloom weavers, handicrafts artisans throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; (

(c)whether 83% of textile processing units consisting of hand processing sectors are lacking in high technology and good training facilities; and

(d)if so, the reasons therefore alongwith the action taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The Government is providing training facilities to Handloom, Powerloom Weavers and Handicraft Artisans through Weavers Service Centres, Powerloom Service Centres, Computer Aided Design Centres, Carpet Training Centres, Apparel Training & Design Centres.

(c) : Yes, Sir.

(d) : The textile hand processing as well as, power processing segments are highly fragmented, therefore, the production process is unscientific and unsystematic. They suffer from technological obsolescence and lack of trained manpower. To overcome technological obsolescence in the Powerloom Sector, the Government has introduced a Credit Linked Capital Subsidy (CLCS) @ 10% under the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), in addition to the existing 5% interest reimbursement. The rate of depreciation on investment in high-tech processing machines has been increased from 25% to 50%. Eco testing laboratories have been set up to take care of quality requirement and facilitate eco friendly production of processed fabrics.